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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim as follows:

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for laser processing of plate-like interconnect carriers laminated on both sides, said apparatus comprising:

two laser units directed towards one another, said laser units being capable of simultaneous operation, said carriers placed between the two laser units;

an internal beam deflection device for each of said two laser units, said internal deflection device to deflect respective <u>substantially perpendicular</u> laser beams emitted from said laser units on to regions of said carriers to be processed; and

a movable carrier for moving said carriers in to a radiation region of said laser units, said carriers being fixed to said movable carrier.